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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the line beginning on page 2, line 31 as follows:

Figure 6 is a cutaway view showing a box and rigid supports formed from a single sheet of cardboard;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 14 as follows:

The present invention comprises a box preferably formed of heavy duty corrugated cardboard or other relatively stiff cardboard or other material which is rugged, capable of supporting heavy contents, and typically used for shipping spools of wire and cable. Cardboard is generally preferred because it allows the box to be made at a lower cost. The box is preferably formed as a six-sided container having a rectangular side wall 1 and an opposite side wall of equivalent dimensions and parallel to it, as well as front wall 2 with a corresponding parallel back wall at the other end, and a top wall 3 with a corresponding bottom wall parallel thereto.